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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PORG, SF, WA
SUBJECT: NAMIBIA: CONTACT GROUP DISCUSSION OF WALVIS BAY

1. CONTACT GROUP DISCUSSED AM MAY 23 POSSIBLE SECURITY
COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS ON WALVIS BAY. BRITISH SUGGESTED
THAT LONDON HAS SERIOUS RESERVATIONS ABOUT THE CONCEPT
OF THE FIVE ABSTAINING ON A RESOLUTION WHICH WOULD
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DECLARE THAT WALVIS BAY IS AN INTEGRAL PART OF NAMIBIA.
LONDON'S PRIMARY CONCERN CENTERS ON THE DIFFICULTY OF
ASSURING THAT THE PASSAGE OF SUCH A RESOLUTION WOULD
NOT AFFECT THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PROPOSAL. THE
GROUP AGREED, NOTING THAT FIVE MAY WELL HAVE TO SETTLE
FOR SUCH AN ABSTENTION SCENARIO LATER BUT THAT IT
SHOULD NOT BE SOMETHING THAT FIVE NOW PROPOSE. WE

ADDED THAT WE FELT IT IMPORTANT AT THIS STAGE TO
FOCUS ON RESOLUTIONS WHICH WE COULD SUPPORT, NOT ONES
ON WHICH WE WOULD ABSTAIN.

2. GROUP THEN AGREED AD REFERENDUM UPON A DRAFT SECURITY
COUNCIL RESOLUTION, THE CENTRAL OPERATIVE PARAGRAPH OF
WHICH "CALLS FOR THE OPENING WITHOUT DELAY OF NEGOTIA-
TIONS WITH A NAMIBIAN GOVERNMENT WITH A VIEW TO REACHING
EARLY AGREEMENT THAT NAMIBIA HAS SOVEREIGNTY OVER
WALVIS BAY". THE GROUP'S INTENTION IS THAT THIS RESOLU-
TION (FULL TEXT FOLLOWS PARA 4 BELOW) BE ONE WHICH
THE FIVE COULD NOW AGREE TO SUPPORT IN THE
SECURITY COUNCIL IN THE CONTEXT OF SWAPO'S ACCEPTANCE
OF THE PROPOSAL.

3. FOLLOWING AGREEMENT ON THE TEXT OF THE RESOLUTION,
THE FRENCH ADVISED GROUP THAT PARIS MIGHT HAVE
RESERVATIONS ABOUT COMMITTING THE FIVE AT THIS STAGE TO
SUPPORTING SUCH A RESOLUTION. PARIS REPORTEDLY PREFERS
SIMPLY A COMMITMENT TO A JOINT DECLARATION OF THE FIVE
TO THE SAME EFFECT. WE AND THE GERMANS ARGUED THAT A
COMMITMENT TO SUPPORT SUCH A RESOLUTION IS NEEDED TO
PROVIDE EVIDENCE TO THE FRONTLINE OF OUR WILLINGNESS
TO TAKE A SIGNIFICANT STEP TOWARD SOLVING THE WALVIS
BAY RESOLUTION AND TO PROVIDE THE FRONTLINE
WITH SUBSTANTIAL AMMUNITION FOR ENCOURAGING SWAPO'S
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ACCEPTANCE OF THE PROPOSAL. THE BRITISH WERE QUIET,
BUT THE CANADIANS JOINED THE FRENCH IN SUGGESTING THAT
THE RESOLUTION MIGHT BE HELD IN RESERVE FOR LATER
BARGAINING. WE COUNTERED BY STATING THAT OUR CONCERN
IS NOT BARGAINING BUT RATHER DEMONSTRATING A "GOOD
FAITH" EFFORT TO RESOLVE THE QUESTION OF WALVIS
BAY. THE FRENCH REPLIED THAT THEY
WOULD SIMPLY HAVE TO SEE WHAT PARIS SAYS.

4. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF DRAFT SECURITY COUNCIL
RESOLUTION:

- THE SECURITY COUNCIL
- RECALLING ITS RESOLUTION(S) 385 (1976) BEGIN BRACKETS
AND (1978), END BRACKETS,
- RECOGNISING THE IMPORTANCE OF GEOGRAPHIC, ECONOMIC,
POLITICAL, ETHNIC AND ADMINISTRATIVE CONSIDERATIONS IN
DETERMINING THE FUTURE OF WALVIS BAY,
- NOTING THAT ALL POLITICAL ELEMENTS IN NAMIBIA WISH
TO ENSURE THE RESUMPTION OF THE GOVERNMENT OF WALVIS

BAY AS PART OF NAMIBIA,

- NOTING FURTHER THE WIDESPREAD CONVICTION AMONGST THE
INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY THAT WALVIS BAY IS AN INTEGRAL
PART OF THE TERRITORY OF NAMIBIA,

(1) DECLARES THAT THE INTEGRITY AND VIABILITY OF THE
INDEPENDENT STATE OF NAMIBIA CANNOT BE ASSURED WITHOUT
THE INCLUSION OF WALVIS BAY WITHIN ITS TERRITORY;

(2) CALLS FOR THE OPENING WITHOUT DELAY OF NEGOTIATIONS

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WITH A NAMIBIAN GOVERNMENT WITH A VIEW TO REACHING EARLY
AGREEMENT THAT NAMIBIA HAS SOVEREIGNTY OVER WALVIS BAY;

(3) AFFIRMS THAT THE SECURITY COUNCIL WILL LEND ITS FULL
SUPPORT TO THE ATTAINMENT OF A SUCCESSFUL OUTCOME TO SUCH
NEGOTIATIONS;

(4) DECIDES TO REMAIN SEIZED OF THE MATTER AND TO KEEP
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